

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (New): A method for inhibiting the proliferation and viability of tumor cells in a patient in need thereof, wherein said method consists of administering to said patient a cytostatic and cytotoxic amount of mangafodipir.

Claim 8 (New): A method for increasing the cytostatic and cytotoxic effects on tumor cells, and decreasing the cytotoxic effect on normal leucocytes of an anticancer medicinal product selected among platinum derivatives, 5-fluorouracil, and taxanes, wherein said method comprises administering to a patient treated with said anticancer medicinal product, an antitumoral and leukocyte-protecting amount of mangafodipir.

Claim 9 (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the amount of mangafodipir administered to said patient is from 1 to 100mg/kg/day.

Claim 10 (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the amount of mangafodipir administered to said patient is from 1 to 100mg/kg/day.

Claim 11 (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising mangafodipir and an antitumor agent selected among platinum derivatives, 5-fluorouracil and taxanes.